

JUDGE ALBERTO GONZALES ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINEE

- Judge Gonzales is a good man, exceptional lawyer and devoted public servant.
 - As President Bush said in naming Judge Gonzales as Counsel to the President, his story “really explains what America can and should be about.” He is the son of Mexican-American migrant workers - one of eight children - who worked his way up from humble beginnings to serve in the Air Force, earn a Harvard law degree, practice law successfully in the private sector, and serve at the highest levels of government.
 - He is well qualified to be Attorney General, having served with skill and integrity as an effective Counsel to the President and a distinguished jurist on the Supreme Court of Texas.
 - As Counsel to the President, he has worked to ensure that we fight the war on terrorism in a way consistent with the Constitution, our laws and our tradition of civil liberties.
 - Judge Gonzales has steadfastly insisted on humane treatment of prisoners of war and opposed torture from day one.
 - As the nation’s chief law enforcement officer (upon Senate confirmation and appointment), Judge Gonzales will protect Americans from terrorism while also protecting our rights.
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IRAQI ELECTIONS



- Iraq’s January 30 election marked an important step on the road to a secure, prosperous, and democratic Iraq.
- The Iraqis have sought to hold elections that: (1) are free, credible, and legitimate; (2) advance the development of a constitution that embraces the freedoms and principles of democratic systems of government; and (3) result in a representative government committed to peace, stability, and democracy in Iraq and throughout the region.
- The election was planned and carried out by Iraqis for Iraqis. The United States and the international community have supported the Iraqi people’s aspirations for freedom.
- The Iraqi people suffered greatly during the more than three decades of Ba’athist tyranny. They are no strangers to violence and intimidation. So despite threats of violence, Iraqis sought to shape their future by exercising their right to vote.
- Successful elections in Iraq are a blow to the forces of terror. In time, the defeat of terror in Iraq will set that nation on a course to lasting freedom, and will give hope to millions. And ultimately, a free, democratic Iraq will inspire reformers throughout the Middle East and make America more secure.

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